

SEFTON COAST PARTNERSHIP

Working Group Meeting – 8 March 2005 **2pm Ainsdale Discovery Centre Complex**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the meeting of 6 December 2004
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Life Long Learning – New Working Group – Fiona Sunners
5. SCP Annual Forum 2005 - Lorna Lander (report on feedback so far, proposal for 2006) (30 mins max)
 - Additional Feedback,
 - Proposal for sponsorship and pledges from partners agreed at last Board meeting
 - Proposal for a bigger venue and date
 - Proposal for 2006 Volunteer Award
 - Theme for 2006
6. SCP Management Plan – Agree input from working group, A Hall (30 mins max)

Main areas – ensure people are fully behind the approach and timescale
Agree format/headings and responsibilities for contents
7. Annual Report (15 mins max)
8. Coastlines - Articles for next issue to be considered - All (30 mins max)
9. Photographic/Media Library for SCP (10 mins)
10. Dog Fouling on Dunes Footpaths (10mins) - Reg Yorke
11. A.O.B
12. Date of next meeting

Working Group Meeting 8 March 2005 (formerly : Task Group Chairs Meeting)

Attendees

Ted Jackson	Chair
Dave Mc Aleavy	Nature Conservation & Shoreline Management
Paul Wisse	Coastal Defence team
Dr Reg Yorke	History & Archaeology
Andrew Hall	PERD
Alice Kimpton	English Nature
Fiona Sunners	Lifelong Learning
David Taylor	RSPB
Lorna Lander	PERD
Steve White	LWT

Apologies

Dr Ann Worsley	Research and Education
Ralph Gregson	Tourism & Communication
Paul Nolan	Merseyforest
Andrew Brockbank	National Trust
Tony Baker	RSPB
Graham Lymbery	Coastal Defence

1. Apologies	Action
A number of apologies received. It was expressed by the Chair that there were big gaps around the table and attendance needed to be redressed. Progress reports needed to be submitted on activities of each group if not able to report these at future meetings.	ALL
2. Minutes of last meeting agreed	
Agreed	
3. Matters Arising from Minutes	
Task Group Minutes not being forwarded; Also up to date information regarding activities of each task group needs to be uploaded into the appropriate sections on the web pages. PW kindly agreed in the past to discuss with any of the groups ways in which this information can be sent through to him and the offer is still open. LL will email Chairs with dates of the last minutes held for their groups and asks that up to date minutes be sent through to her.	ALL LL
4. Lifelong Learning	
New Working Group set up led by Fiona Sunners. FS explained the outline of the group in that it is not just looking at schools and colleges but to the community as a whole. DMC stated that membership of this group needs to be considered carefully. Emphasis being placed on partnership areas with links outside the partnership. AJ stated how important it was to ensure what neighbours are up to and that the links are made and maintained.	
5. Sefton Coast Management Plan	
AH asked the group for their proposals as to how the plan should look. The group agreed that the Task Group fields should form the main headings of the new plan. AH to circulate revised framework, individuals to start drafting and keep in touch with AH.	ALL

6. SCP Annual Forum 2005	
<p>LL reported on feedback and attendance figures. The forum was well attended with only 13 no shows out of 150 who actually registered. 65% of comments relating to the content and arrangements of the day were positive. The negative comments included better publicity of the event and the need for more circulation and display space.</p> <p>Future venues proposed were Floral Hall, Royal Clifton and Prince of Wales. Costs for latter two venues came out at around £5-6K whilst the Floral Hall came in at about £3.5 - £4K. With the total cost of this year's event being nearly £2,500. It was decided that we should try to see if the Floral Hall could accommodate us on the given date of say 11 February or a date in March of next year. Peter Sandman agreed to speak to Floral Hall. Pledges of £500 each from both Tourism and Coast & Countryside to put towards the additional costs and decision was made to go back to the Board to see if any of the members would pledge money towards the event costs. In the past Sefton Planning Department has paid all the costs involved.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the volunteer award scheme and it was agreed that RN would produce some guidelines for the award. AH suggested will need more than one category in future.</p>	PS/LL
7. Annual Report	
<p>Deadline date for updates will be end of April in readiness for Board Meeting in May followed by publication and distribution in July. LL will email draft report together with a protocol for images to enable updates to be made and images to be inserted in the appropriate sections. Images to be emailed or sent separately on disc.</p> <p>Discussion took place as to whether future Annual Reports needed to be produced for the Forum and whether it should coincide with the end of the financial year?</p>	ALL LL
8. Coastlines articles	
<p>Articles and features were discussed. FS agreed to write something on the new Lifelong Learning Group and volunteer award scheme. AK promised another article from English Nature. Peter Cushion will provide PW with an article on the Forum. Deadline for copy is 4th April with publication in June.</p>	FS/AK/PC
9. Photographic/Media library	
<p>Discussion took place on providing good quality photographs for the tourism library but could not resolve as there were too many anomalies. DMc and PW agreed to have a further discussion as to how to take this forward.</p>	DMc/PW
10. Dog Fouling on Dunes Footpaths	
<p>RY asked if more could be done to enforce this byelaw by being more pro-active in helping educate, prevent and if necessary punish offenders and could new signs be put up as the old ones were now faded. DMc agreed there was a problem and the public have become complacent and he would have no objection if this issue was raised in the local press to shame the 15,000 dog owners who use the dunes each year. DMc agreed it was the responsibility of the rangers to ensure the dunes are cleaned but up to the Dog Wardens to enforce the law. As a pilot exercise this summer DMc is employing a part time ex policeman to patrol one or two of the key sites 4 days a week in an effort to bring pressure to bear to name and shame these</p>	RY/DMc

<p>offenders and if partners feel they want to contribute they have a right to challenge and ask the owner for their name and address. DMc agreed to check who actually has the powers and whether order covers of the whole of Sefton.</p>	
<p>11. A.O.N</p>	
<p>RY said the Proceedings from the Coastal Heritage Conference were progressing well with publication on target for the end of the year.</p> <p>DMc mentioned that he had been approached by Countryside Commission to hold a meeting about the rights of access-restrict access as part of legislation linking in with Peter Scott study. The meeting will be held shortly and DMc will contact relevant people to attend this meeting.</p>	<p>DMc</p>
<p>12. Date of Next Meeting</p>	
<p>AH is to bring together the structure of the Sefton Coast Management Plan for further discussion and sets a date for the next meeting 28 June 2005 at 2.00pm Ainsdale Discovery Centre.</p>	<p>AH</p>